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SUBJECT: ILLICIT PAYMENTS: BILATERAL COOPERATION
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1. DEPARTMENT IS STILL ANXIOUS TO EXPLORE MEXICAN INTEREST IN DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE AREAS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION HIGHLIGHTED IN TALKING POINTS REFTEL. SUCH CONSULTATIONS FROM US POINT OF VIEW COULD BE HELPFUL BOTH IN DEALING WITH BILATERAL PROBLEMS LIKELY TO ARISE IN ENFORCEMENT OF NEW FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT AND, AS SIDE-EFFECT, STIMULATING GREATER MEXICAN PARTICIPATION IN ECOSOC WORK. IN LIGHT OF LOPEZ-PORTILLO'S OWN DOMESTIC ANTI-CORRUPTION CONCERNS, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE GREATEST RECEPTIVITY TO POSSIBLE MEXICAN BENEFITS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION (EG, US TECHNICAL ADVICE, ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE) WOULD LIE IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE RATHER THAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE FEEL PAST INDIRECT EFFORTS AT REACHING LOPEZ-PORTILLO ON THIS ISSUE HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED, PERHAPS BY FOREIGN MINISTRY.

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WE THEREFORE WISH AMBASSADOR TO RAISE PROPOSAL FOR BILATERAL MEETING DIRECTLY WITH THE PRESIDENT WHEN SCHEDULED CALLS ON HIM ON OTHER BUSINESS PRESENT FIRST APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY.

2. TALKING POINTS REFTEL, WITH APPROPRIATE RETAILORING, SHOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST IN US GOVERNMENT IN SUCCESS OF
FORTHCOMING ECOSOC WORKING GROUP MEETINGS, MARCH 6-10
AND APRIL 3-14, MIGHT ALSO BE MENTIONED. AN EXPRESSION
OF INTEREST IN WORK OF GROUP BY LOPEZ-PORTILLO TO GOM
BUREAUCRACY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY PROMOTE CLOSER MEXICAN DEL
COOPERATION WITH US IN NEW YORK. STRESS, HOWEVER, SHOULD
REMAIN ON OPENING OF NEW BILATERAL TRACK, PROSPECTS OF
WHICH LIKewise MAY DEPEND ON INTEREST SHOWN BY PRESIDENT.
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